

# South Pacific Division

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Established in 1888, South Pacific Division is one of the Corps' eight regions nationwide. Four operating Districts, headquartered in Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco, provide federal and military engineering support in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico and in parts of Colorado, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming and Texas. The civil works program is oriented around major watersheds in the region and leverage federal resources for navigation, flood damage reduction and ecosystem restoration.

Fifteen of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the United States are in this diverse region where water resources are a key limiting factor. Much of the region gets less than 20 inches of precipitation a year, however when it rains it pours. Major floods are a threat to life and property.

The Corps uses a watershed approach to flood damage reduction that takes into account issues such as water supply and ecosystem restoration. Major river basins include the

Sacramento, San Joaquin, Santa Ana, Colorado and Rio Grande, which are governed by complex water rights. Water resources are vital to agriculture, urban development, natural ecosystems, and Tribal interests. There are more than 300 threatened and endangered species in the region. We issue regulatory permits under the Clean Water Act for development occurring in the nation's waters and wetlands, balancing environmental stewardship with the need for economic and urban growth.

The Corps works in partnership with other federal agencies, state governments and local communities on collaborative solutions to these complex water resource issues.



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